

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-3 and ADD new claims 4-8 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An automatic paper feeder supplying paper to an apparatus ~~such as a printer or a scanner~~, comprising:

a separation pad, pressing the paper against a pick roller so as to feed the paper one by one; and

pad pressing means, applying pressure to the separation pad so as to press the separation pad against a surface of the pick roller, ~~wherein the pad pressing means is formed in having a reverse U-shape so that the separation pad is arranged such as to be pressed-press the separation pad at two front and rear portions thereof against the surface of the pick roller at two portions, a front portion and a rear portion, along a rotating direction of the pick roller thereof, and wherein the pad pressing means is structured-being configured to be rotatable back and forth with respect to a-the rotating direction of the pick roller about a fulcrum where pressure is applied to the pad pressing means.~~

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The automatic paper feeder according to claim 1, further comprising: a rotating arm arranged so that the ~~entire~~ pad pressing means is rotatable about a predetermined position.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The automatic paper feeder according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the fulcrum where the pressure is applied to the pad pressing means is arranged such as to be movable back and forth depending on a type of the paper which is fed between the separation pad and the pick roller.

4. (NEW) The automatic paper feeder according to claim 2, wherein the fulcrum where the pressure is applied to the pad pressing means is arranged such as to be movable back and forth depending on a type of the paper which is fed between the separation pad and the pick roller.

5. (NEW) The automatic paper feeder according to claim 1, wherein the fulcrum where the pressure is applied to the pad pressing means is arranged such as to be movable closer or farther to the pick roller depending on a thickness of the paper which is fed between the separation pad and the pick roller.

6. (NEW) The automatic paper feeder according to claim 2, wherein the fulcrum where the pressure is applied to the pad pressing means is arranged such as to be movable closer or farther to the pick roller depending on a thickness of the paper which is fed between the separation pad and the pick roller.

7. (NEW) The automatic paper feeder according to claim 1, further comprising a pressing unit applying the pressure to the fulcrum of the pad pressing means.

8. (NEW) A method of adjusting pad pressing means pressing on a pick roller of an automatic paper feeder depending on thickness of paper fed between the pad pressing means and the pick roller, the pad pressing means pressing the pick roller in at least two distinct portions, the method comprising:

rotating the pad pressing means about a fulcrum where pressure is applied to the pad pressing means to adjust pressures on the at least two distinct portions; and

adjusting position of the fulcrum closer or farther from the pick roller.